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For: REGULATION STRUCTURE, SEPARATION

DEVICE AND GRADIENT FORMING DEVICE, AND MICROCHIP USING THE

SAME

Examiner: Ramdhanie, Bobby

# AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION

MS Amendment Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Madam:

#### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action dated August 6, 2009, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this paper.

#### FEE CALCULATION

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

	Claims Remaining After Amendment	Highest Number Previously Paid	Number Extra Claims Present		Rate	Additional Fee
Total	8	_ 20* =	0	X	\$52.00	0.00
Independent	4	- 6** =	0	X	\$220.00	0.00
	of Multiple Depen	dent Claim(s) (if a	applicable)	I		
					TOTAL	0.00

<sup>\*</sup>not less than 20

No fee is due.

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If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 C.F.R. § 1.135. The fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2215.

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